GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1084
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COLLECTION OF TOLL ON NH
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start toll collection on two-lane National Highways and expressways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of stretches of NH in Kilometre on which the toll is collected/proposed to be collected;

(d) the details of toll revenue of the country at present and likely to be increased by adding two lane highways;

(e) the percentage of toll revenue incurred on upgradation of National Highways in the country, State-wise;

(f) whether the toll is collected from farmers for carrying their agricultural products;

(g) if so, the details thereof, and reasons therefor; and

(h) the steps taken to exempt the farmers for paying the toll?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is under consideration of the Government.

(c) All the National Highways under development under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) are to be tolled and details of stretches of National Highways under tolling a s on 28.02.2008 are as Annexure.

(d) At present, there is no levy of user fee on 2-lane sections of National Highways and therefore, the question of increase of revenue of this account does not arise. The details of fee collected on the National Highways stretches during the current year upto January, 2008 is as under:

By National Highways Authority of India on NHDP

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Public Funded Projects : Rs. 1146.61 crore
BOT/SPV Project  : Rs. 401.66 crore
By States  : Rs. 6254.55 lakhs
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(e) The toll revenue is not directly applied for upgradation of National Highways. It forms a part of the general revenue of the Government. The development works of National Highways is funded separately by the Central Government through budgetary support.

(f) The user fee is levied on the vehicles using National Highways and not on the product being transported.

(g) and (h) Do not arise.